Year In Review

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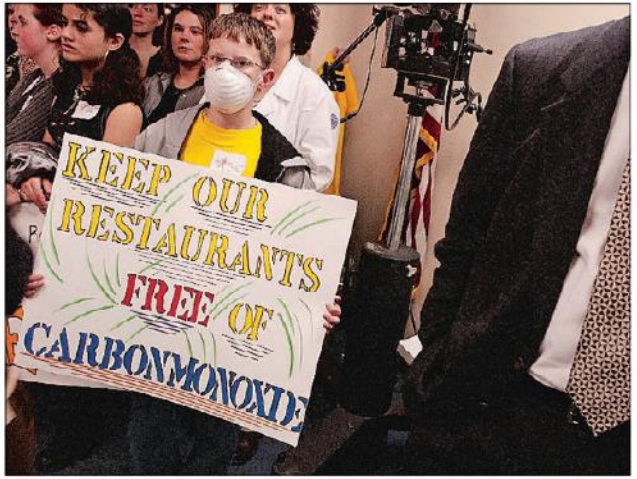
TFRI is a Network of Organizations and Individuals Working to Reduce Tobacco Use - the Leading Cause of Preventable Death & Disease in Rhode Island

Effective January 1, 2015

First state regulation of electronic cigarettes takes effect, bans sale of e-cigarettes to minors & requires sellers to obtain a license from the RI Department of Health. Tobacco control organizations will continue to push for regulation as a tobacco product.

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Rhode Island's Smoke-free Workplaces Act March-5-2015

On 10th anniversary of smoking ban, advocates push ahead



ABOVE: In 2002, children, including Ryan Andrews, an eighth-grader at John F. Deering Middle School in West Warwick, were at a State House anti-smoking rally, pushing for restrictions on smoking in public places. THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL FILES

LEFT: Anti-smoking advocates film a Department of Health commercial announcing that Rhode Island's smoke-free law will take effect on March 1, 2005. THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL/JOHN FREIDAH

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Smoke-Free 10 Day- March 5, 2015

The RI House & Senate pass resolutions commemorating the 10th Anniversary of RI's Smoke-Free Workplaces & Public Places Act.

Spread the Word!

Parks, playgrounds and recreation areas in Providence are now tobacco free!

TOBACCO FREE PROVIDENCE

Effective March 11, 2015, Providence Ordinance 18-22 prohibits the sale or use of all tobacco and nicotine products including cigarettes, cigars, hookah, chewing tobacco, and electronic cigarettes in all city parks.

If you see neighbors using tobacco products in Providence Parks, please ask them to put out their cigarette or other product, or to take their tobacco use outside of the park.

Individuals violating Providence Ordinance 18-22 may receive a citation and fine of $50 per violation.

Tobacco Free Parks will:

- Provide healthier, smoke free air at all of our parks that are used by children and adults alike, and limit youth exposure to tobacco use in city parks, which will help our next generation of young people stay tobacco-free.
- Support the city's vision for our parks to be centers of wellness.
- Reduce litter
- Provide a healthier, tobacco-free environment at all of our parks to benefit children and adults alike.
- Help our parks to be centers of wellness.

For more information, call the Healthy Communities Office at 421-7740 or go to ProvidenceRI.com/Health

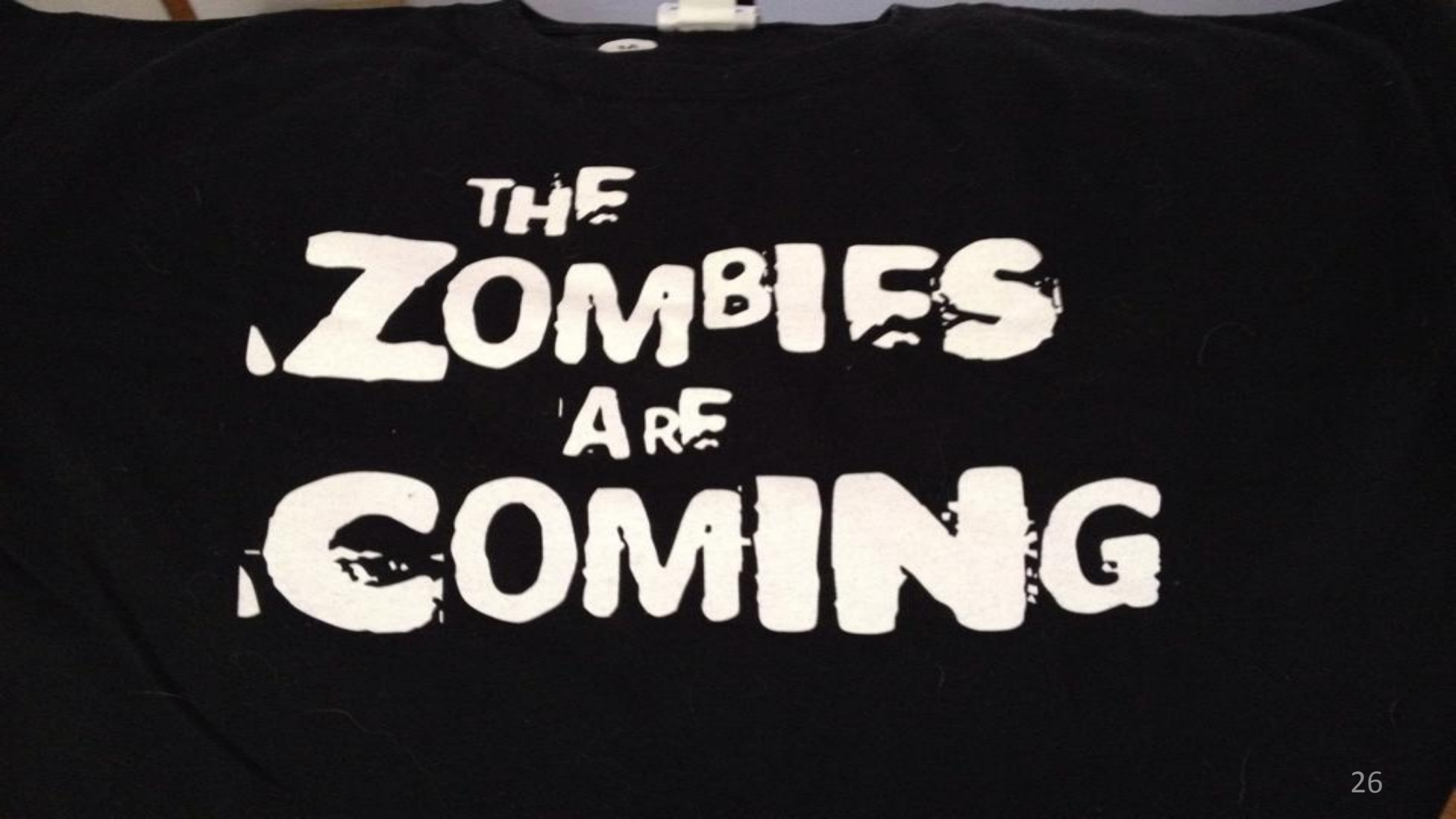
Effective March 11, 2015

Providence parks, playgrounds and recreation areas are tobacco free! Prohibits the sale or use of all tobacco & nicotine products including cigarettes, cigars, hookah, chewing tobacco, and electronic cigarettes in all city parks.

Eeeek! Zombies!!!

You may see some at Kennedy Plaza on 3/18/2015 as teenagers dress up for a national "Kick Butts" Day anti-smoking campaign. BEWARE!

Kick Butts Day RI Zombie Walk Organized By Many State & Community Partners March-18-2015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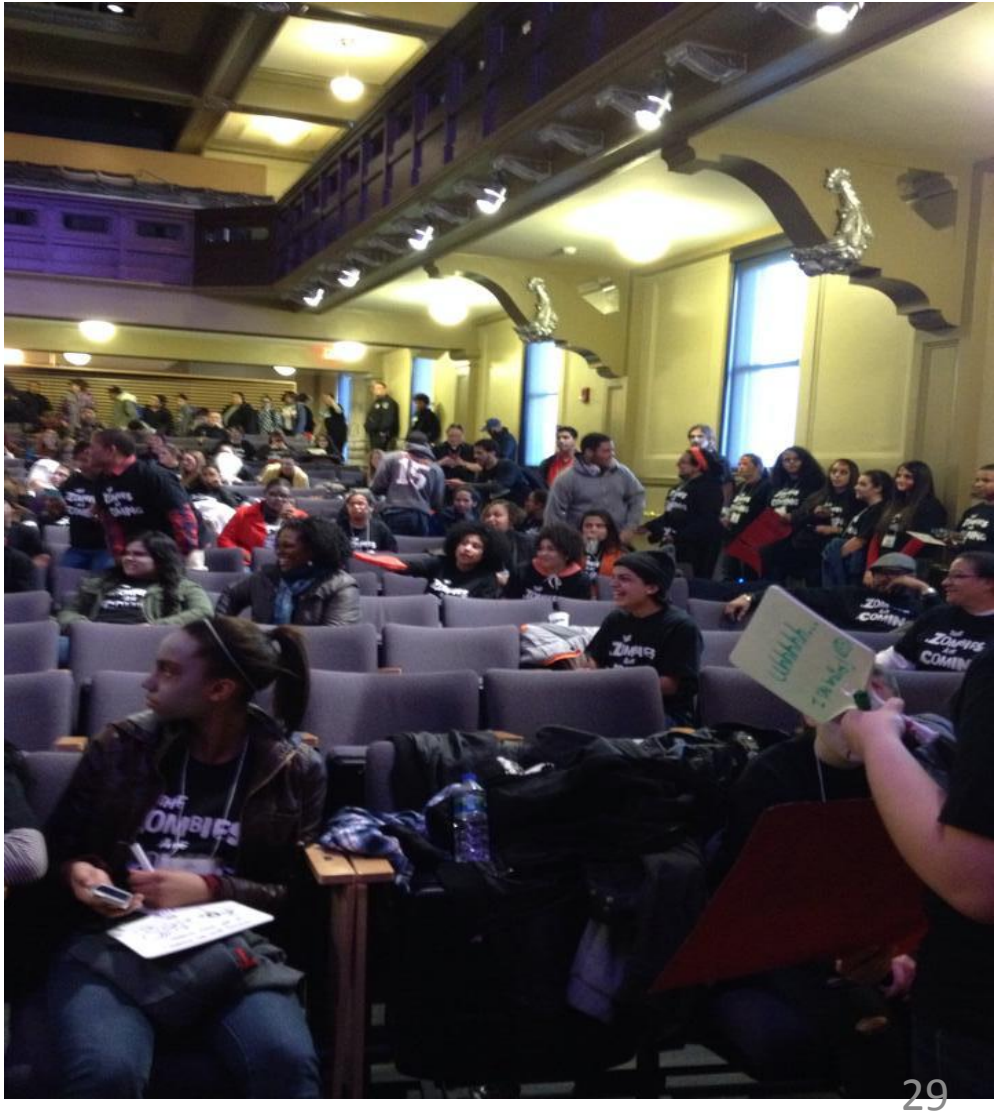

Legislators Meet & Greet with RI Youth Advocates

Zombies from **West Warwick, Chariho, Central Falls** and **East Providence** meet with State Legislators to voice their concerns about tobacco and how it affects their communities.

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YOUR LAST DYING BREATH
Don't smoke
it's a joke!!
If you smoke
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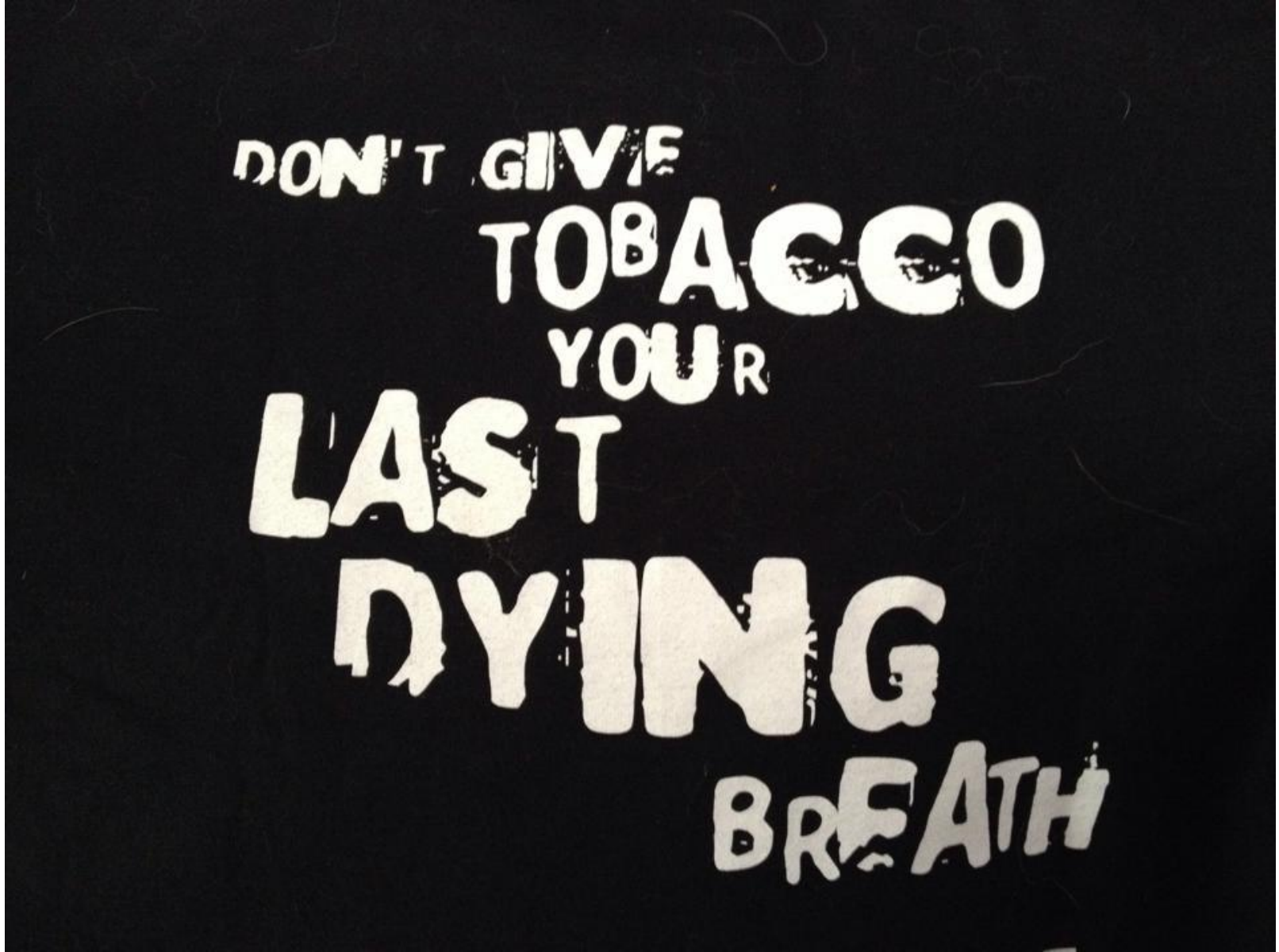
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Announced On May 19, 2015

Johnson & Wales University announces it will be the first college in RI to create a 100% tobacco free (including e-cigarettes) campus by July 1, 2016. This policy will extend to all four campuses nation-wide.

Johnson & Wales to go tobacco-free

In July 2016, four-campus school will be first college in Rhode Island with a ban on all tobacco-related products.

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By July 2016, the Johnson & Wales University campus in downtown Providence will become tobacco-free, administrators announced Tuesday. The Providence Journal files

By Lynn Arditi
Journal Staff Writer

Posted May. 19, 2015 at 11:00 PM

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Johnson & Wales University announced Tuesday that it will become the first college campus in Rhode Island to become tobacco-free, as of July 1, 2016.

World No Tobacco Week
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State-wide Cigarette Butt Clean-Ups

The RI Department of Health Tobacco Control Program coordinated state-wide cigarette butt clean-ups, in partnership with Save the Bay & with some funding from the United Way.

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Kids say NO to tobacco & YES to Health- May 27, 2015

The **RI Academy of Family Physicians** & TFRI bring 5th graders to the statehouse to present their 2015 Tar Wars poster designs to legislators.

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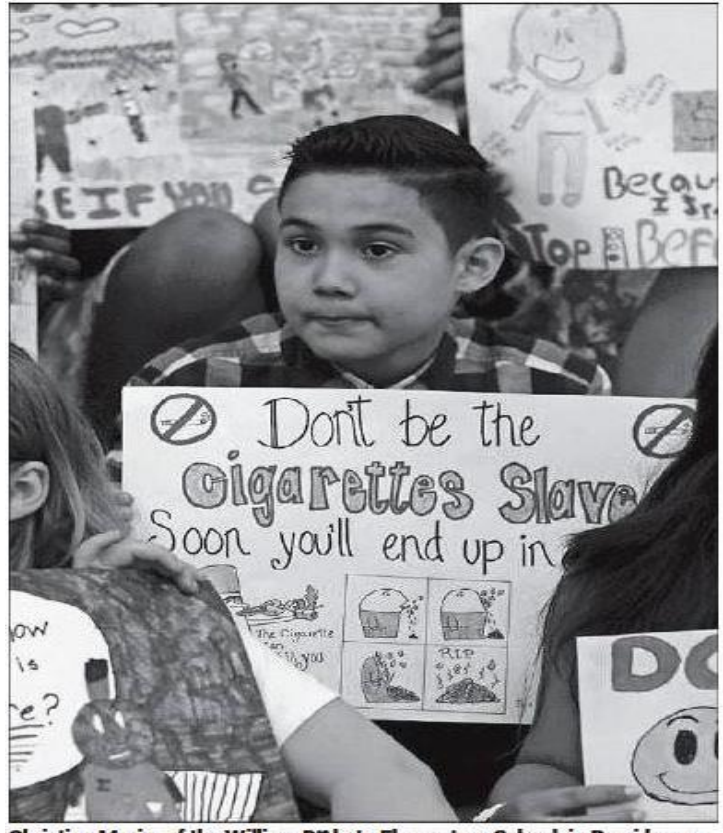

Christian Marin, of the William D'Abate Elementary School, in Providence, holds his poster created for the Tar Wars Program, aimed at teaching fifth-grade children the harmful effects of smoking. The posters were presented to state legislative leaders on Wednesday. The program was organized by Tobacco Free Rhode Island and Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians.

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RI Department of Health- Live Smoke Free

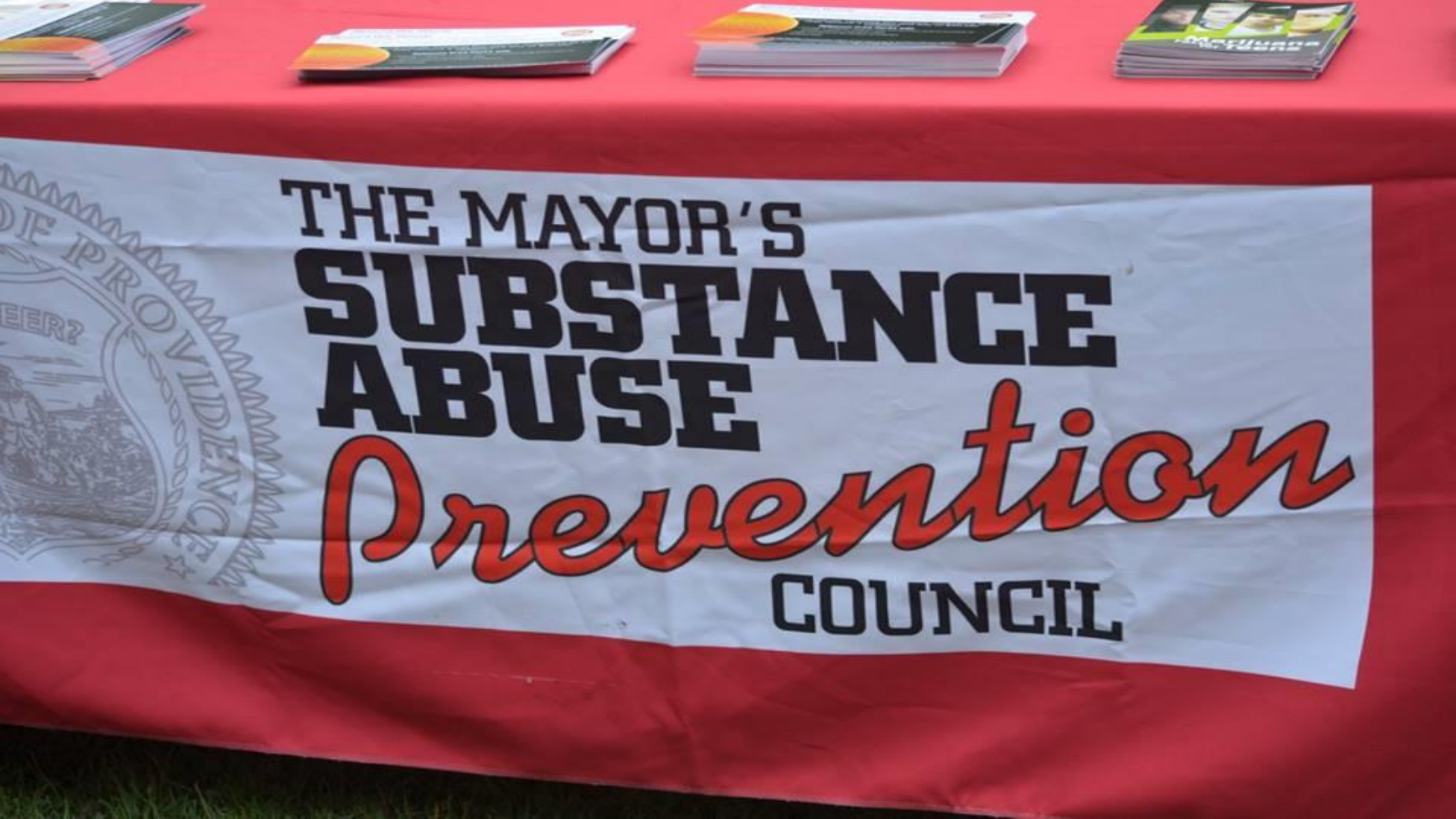
The **RIDOH Tobacco Control Program** provides quarterly workshops & individual technical assistance for public & private affordable housing administrators, municipalities & college campuses to adopt & enforce smoke free/tobacco free policies.

Live Smoke Free Sees Impressive Results

To date, with support from the **RIDOH's Tobacco Control Program**, 22 of the 25 public housing authorities have a smoke-free policy as well as 58 of the 368 private affordable HUD multi-units.

TFRI Supports Middletown's Efforts To Ban Smoking at Beaches, Parks & Playgrounds June-2-2015

TFRI Supports Providence's Press Conference Announcing Their Smoke-Free Parks Ordinance June-3-2015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Effective Immediately- June 10, 2015

Newport's City Council enacts an immediate smoking ban at its public beaches, parks and Cliff Walk.

Smoking Now Prohibited On Newport Public Beaches, Parks and Cliff Walk

Thursday, June 11, 2015

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Smoking on public beaches, in public parks and the Cliff Walk is now prohibited in Newport.

The Newport City Council voted 6 - 1 on Wednesday night to pass Chapter 12.32 of the Codified Ordinances, entitled, "Park and Recreation Areas", adding Section 12.32.125 entitled, "Prohibition of Smoking on Public Beaches, in Public Parks and Cliff Walk", and Section 12.32.130 entitled, "Smoking Prohibited on public beaches, in public parks, and Cliff Walk"and Section 12.32.130 entitled, "Smoking Prohibited on public beaches, in public parks, and Cliff Walk".

Upon passage the new ordinance became effective immediately. Newport City Councilor Marco Camacho was the lone councilor to oppose passage of the ordinance.

State Legislation Passes- June 24, 2015

State Legislation passes, tightening regulations on **smoking bars, including hookah bars**, to increase compliance with RI's smoke-free indoor workplace law.

Effective Immediately- July 6, 2015

Middletown's Town Council enacts an immediate smoking ban at its Sachuest (second) and third beaches, parks and playgrounds.

Middletown Joins Newport in Banning Beach Smoking

July 07, 2015

By TIM FAULKNER/ecoRI News staff

MIDDLETOWN, R.I. — Beach-smoking bans are getting popular. On July 6, the Town Council endorsed an immediate smoking ban at its popular Sachuest Beach (Second Beach) and Third Beach. The ban also applies to parks and athletic fields.

The action follows Newport, which banned smoking at its beaches and on the Cliff Walk in June. Barrington, Charlestown and North Providence are the only other Rhode Island municipalities that prohibit smoking on beaches.

Earlier this year, Truro became the eighth town on Cape Cod and the 43rd municipality in Massachusetts to outlaw beach smoking. Massachusetts banned smoking in the workplace, bars and restaurants in 2004. Rhode Island passed the same bans in 2005. Connecticut and Rhode Island allow smoking at gambling facilities, while Massachusetts is breaking from the industry norm by keeping its gambling venues smoke-free.

Effective July 6, 2015

Brown University's Alpert Medical School becomes a tobacco free campus. The policy bans the use of all tobacco products including e-cigarettes.

Medical School adopts tobacco-free campus policy

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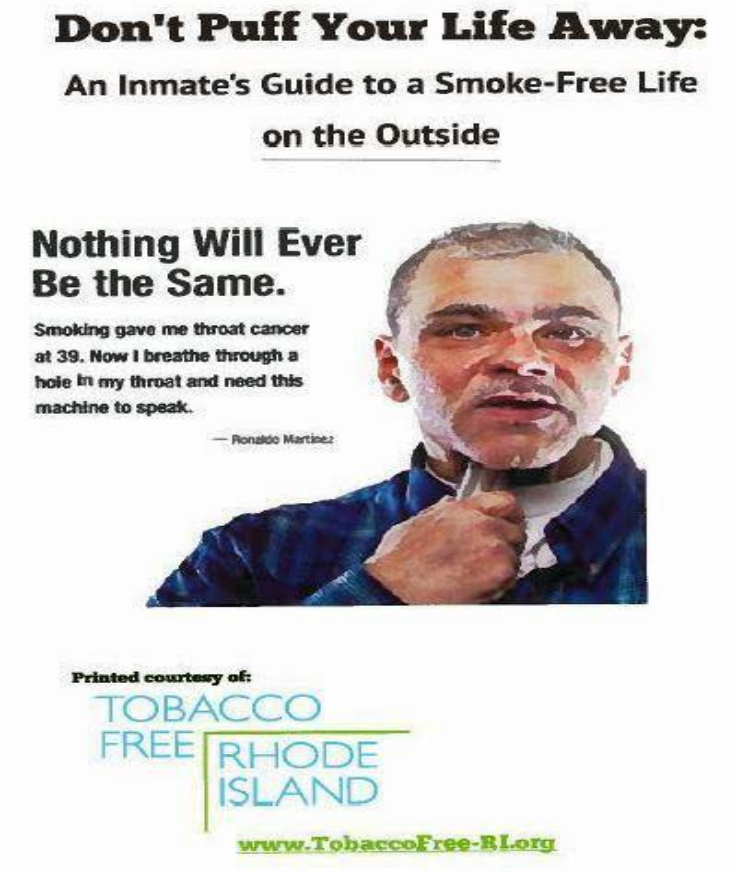
Alpert Medical School is a tobacco-free campus as of July 6, 2015.

Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences Jack. A. Elias has announced the immediate implementation of a tobacco-free campus policy for Alpert Medical School. The action extends an existing tobacco-free workplace policy to the area outside of the Medical School building at 222 Richmond Street, Providence. It bans the use of all tobacco products, including cigarettes and e-cigarettes.

An Inmate's Smoke-Free Guide Is Published



TFRI provides support to **university researchers** for new smoking cessation pamphlets for former inmates.

Portsmouth moves toward banning smoking on beaches

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Posted Aug. 25, 2015 at 8:08 AM

PORTSMOUTH, R.I. (AP) — Portsmouth may soon become the latest Rhode Island town to ban smoking on public beaches and other public spaces.

At the request of Councilman David Gleason, the Town Council on Monday voted unanimously to ask a town lawyer to draft an ordinance that would ban smoking on beaches and in public parks and recreational areas.

The ordinance will not be considered by the council until September, meaning it likely would go into effect next year if approved.

Earlier this year, Newport and Middletown enacted smoking bans on public beaches and in public parks.

RI Tobacco Cessation Council- September 1, 2015

After several meetings of tobacco cessation providers & advocates, the **RI Tobacco Cessation Council** is launched, with a focus on increasing tobacco cessation services, especially to underserved populations & integrating cessation services into all RI health care systems.

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CVS Health Marks First Anniversary of Tobacco Removal With New Data on Decision's Impact, Extends Commitment to Creating Tobacco-Free Generation

Thursday, September 3, 2015

New Data Shows Reduction in Cigarette Purchases Across All Retailers

CVS Health and its Foundation Announce School-based Tobacco-prevention Program

WOONSOCKET, R.I., Sept. 3, 2015 – CVS Health (NYSE: CVS) today marked the first anniversary of ending tobacco sales at CVS/pharmacy by releasing new data showing a measurable reduction in cigarette purchases over the past year. The company also announced it is renewing its commitment to creating a tobacco-free generation through a joint initiative between CVS Health, its Foundation and Scholastic to launch a school-based tobacco-prevention program.

"One year ago, we stopped selling tobacco products because it conflicted with our purpose of helping people on their path to better health," said Troyen A. Brennan, M.D., M.P.H., Chief Medical Officer, CVS Health. "Today, we are excited to release new data demonstrating the positive impact our decision has had on public health overall as shown by a

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CVS Health and Scholastic partner on school-based tobacco-prevention program.

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Gustavo Torrez shares why empowering youth is critical to ending tobacco use.

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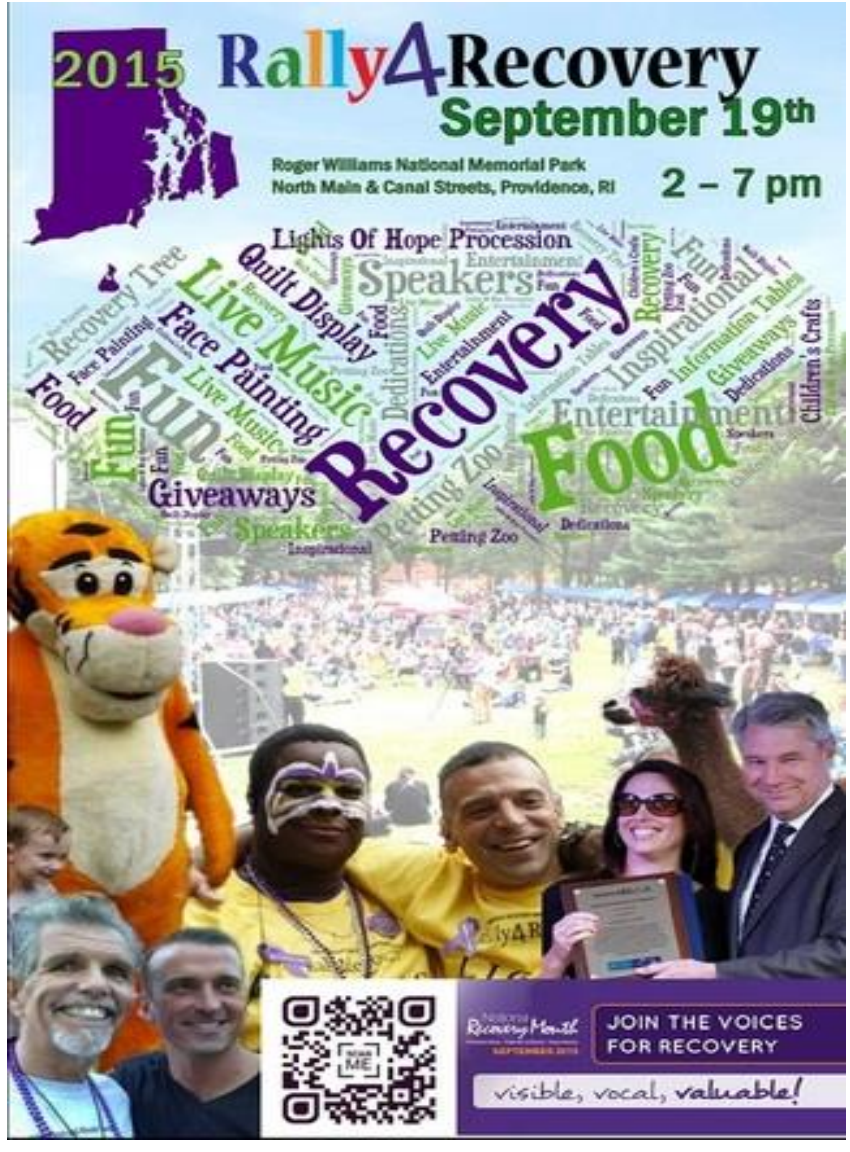
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Over 200 RI Retailers Have Been Caught Selling Tobacco to Minors Since 2014

Tuesday, September 29, 2015
GoLocalProv News Team and Kate Nagle

More than 200 retailers in the state were cited for selling tobacco to minors by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) since the start of 2014, with over 20 being hit with civil money penalties ranging from $500 -- to over $2000.

SLIDES: See Which RI Retailers were Fined -- and How Much -- BELOW

"To protect the health of future generations, FDA closely monitors retailer, manufacturer, importer, and distributor compliance with Federal tobacco laws and regulations and takes corrective action when violations occur," writes the **FDA on its website**.

While over two dozen stores were given monetary fines by the FDA since January 2014 -- 191 more were issued warning letters, with all but 3 cited for observed sales of tobacco to minors by the **FDA's compliance inspections**.

According to the Center for Tobacco Free kids, 8% of Rhode Island high school students smoke, 700 kids under 18 in the state become new daily smokers each year, and one million packs of cigarettes are bought or smoked by RI kids each year.

Rhode Island Efforts

Rhode Island has taken new steps recently to address tobacco use among minors.

An e-cigarette sales ban to was **signed into law in 2014**.

At the time, Senator Dominick Ruggerio said, "The Centers for Disease Control report that about 90 percent of all smokers begin as teenagers. We need to keep our youth from experimenting with or using any kind of tobacco products, and it's counter-productive to that goal to allow them to use these nicotine delivery systems, no matter how glamorous the makers want them to appear."

Prior to that, former Providence Mayor Angel Taveras oversaw an ordinance ushered through by then-City Council members to see Providence's parks go tobacco free starting in March 2015.

"With this ordinance, we continue the ongoing work to reduce youth tobacco use, reduce exposure to secondhand smoke for all Providence residents and visitors and further transform our city parks into neighborhood centers of wellness," said then-Mayor Angel Taveras. "Much credit goes to Council President Solomon and Majority Leader Yurdin for their leadership."

Senators Reed and Whitehouse back bill to raise smoking age to 21

By Richard Salit
Journal Staff Writer

Posted Oct. 1, 2015 at 2:28 PM

Rhode Island's two U.S. senators are sponsoring legislation that would raise to 21 the legal age for buying tobacco products across the country.

A similar effort was launched in Rhode Island with the introduction in March of a bill to raise the state's legal age from 18 to 21, but the legislation was never put up for a vote.

Guest MINDSETTER™ Jennifer Wall: Are We Doing Enough to Protect Youth From Tobacco Addiction?

Saturday, October 03, 2015

Guest MINDSETTER™ Jennifer Wall

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Although we can be proud that Rhode Island has the second lowest youth cigarette smoking rate in the nation at 8%, that is still 4,700 children who are smoking cigarettes and risking serious harm to their health. Furthermore, surveys show that 28% of RI's youth smokers report they are able to purchase their own cigarettes in retail outlets.

Despite our low youth cigarette smoking rate, according to the RI Department of Health a much higher 15% of RI youth report using non-cigarette tobacco products, such as little cigars and hookah.

It's clear that tobacco use can cause cancer, heart disease, lung diseases, harm to reproductive health and more. But did you know that 16,000 kids under 18 that are alive in Rhode Island today will ultimately die prematurely from their own smoking?

Tobacco companies know they need to hook kids on their products in order to create lifelong addicted consumers. Almost 90% of adult smokers started before they were 18. Big Tobacco spends more than $1 million every hour marketing their deadly and addictive products, much of it targeted to youth, saturating convenience stores, gas stations and other retail outlets with colorful, attractive ads and strategic placement of tobacco products.

Big Tobacco spends an estimated $25.2 million on tobacco advertising in Rhode Island every year. And what does the Rhode Island State Legislature give the RI Department of Health's Tobacco Control Program to counter this marketing, educate the public and help smokers quit? Less than a half-million dollars a year. The CDC recommends a state investment of $12 million, which explains why RI consistently gets an "F" grade for tobacco prevention spending on the American Lung Association's annual State of Tobacco Control Report Card.

TFRI Participates in the RI Laborers' District Council Health Fair October-6-2015

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Tobacco Control Regulations Pass- October 2015

The **Central Falls** City Council & Mayor approve new regulations to require local tobacco retail licensing, ban discounts and promotions & ban the sale of flavored tobacco, including e-cigarettes.

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Central Falls bans flavored tobacco, tightens laws

Posted: Oct 27, 2015 4:48 PM EDT
Updated: Oct 27, 2015 4:48 PM EDT

By News Staff

news@abc6.com

Central Falls is tightening up its tobacco laws to help prevent young people from picking up the habit.

An ordinance signed by Mayor Diossa Tuesday is trying to stop stores from targeting kids by making it illegal to sell flavored tobacco and offer coupons and discounts.

Even though Rhode Island has one of the lowest youth smoking rates in the country, experts say kids are still at risk.

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Thank YOU for your continued efforts in making Rhode Island Tobacco-Free!

We have a lot to celebrate…

And many more to battles to fight.

Till next year….